

Second Class Magistrate, Kottar.

113. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) how long is it since the present (26-2-1107) Magistrate, Kottar, has been posted there as a Magistrate;
- (b) how long he has been as a Magistrate;
- (c) whether there was any complaint of corruption about the present Magistrate; and
- (d) the name of the present Magistrate?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Since 19-3-1105.

(b) For the past 11 years.

(c) There was an anonymous petition, dated 2-12-1931, addressed to the Chief Justice, High Court, which contained certain allegations against the Magistrate. Mr. Justice Narayana Pillai, who inspected the Stationary Magistrate's Court, Kottar, on 19-4-1107, with a view to investigate the allegations contained in the petition, has found that there was no evidence in support of the same.

(d) Mr. C. M. Korah, B. A., B. L.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): In regard to part (c), may I know from the member whether it is a fact that the present Magistrate is debarred from promotion for having been found guilty of corrupt practices?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not that he was guilty of corrupt practices; there was some irregularity about the registry of some *puduvai* lands by him.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the irregularity?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not now in a position to give the details.

Statement of graduate teachers drawing salaries less than those of undergraduates.

114. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a tabular statement of graduates having a total service of 17 years and more on the 1st Chin-gam 1107 but who have permanent lien only on posts lower than those of undergraduates arranged in the order of total service as teachers in the Education Department, under the following heads:—

- (i) name;
- (ii) qualification on first entry as a teacher in the Department;
- (iii) total service as a teacher in the Department;
- (iv) initial pay on first entry as a teacher in the Department;
- (v) present substantive pay and scale;
- (vi) total service after getting the minimum of the present substantive grade of pay;
- (vii) date of first acting appointment, if any, in the provincial grade;

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(viii) whether now (30-2-1107) posted in any permanent vacancy in the provincial grade; and

(ix) total service in the acting appointment, if any, in the provincial grade?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the graduates coming under the category as seen in the answer to part (1) could be provided, without delay, in permanent vacancies in the provincial grade, in consideration of the order of seniority and their total service in posts even lower than those of undergraduates?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (i) J. M. Satyanesan.

(ii) Matric.

(iii) 17 years, 9 months and 26 days.

(iv) Rs. 20.

(v) Rs. 22 in the scale of Rs. 20-1/2-25

(vi) He has been drawing Rs. 22 from the 1st Vrischikam 1098.

He got the present grade only on the 1st Chingam 1104.

(vii) 6th Karkatakam 1105.

(viii) The answer is in the negative.

(ix) 5 months and 23 days.

(2) Postings to permanent vacancies in the provincial grade will be made in the order of seniority as soon as practicable.

Motor bus drivers' strike, 1106.

115. MR. R. S. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*):

(1) Are the Government aware that the drivers of motor buses in the State have been on strike from the 16th Mithunam 1106?

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances that led up to the strike;

(b) whether the drivers submitted any petitions either to the Government or to the Commissioner of Police regarding their grievances, prior to the strike;

(c) if so, the action taken in the matter;

(d) whether the present Commissioner of Police suspended or cancelled any driver's license or badge or conductor's pass or any permit of buses; and

(e) if so, under what Section of the Motor Vehicles Regulation the Commissioner of Police is empowered to do so?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Some drivers of motor buses went on strike from the 16th to the 18th Mithunam 1106.

(2) (a) The grievances of the strikers appeared to be as follow:—

(i) The alleged unfair system of double punishment, in that employees convicted in court for motor offences invariably have their badges or conductors' pass books suspended or cancelled.